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1.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

AT END OF PERIOD.....

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Mean Population</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000

Financial Years				
1994-95	872.0	861.8	1 733.8	1 718.3
1995-96	887.6	877.7	1 765.3	1 749.8
1996-97 p	904.4	893.7	1 798.1	1 781.8
Calendar years				
1994 r	863.2	853.4	1 716.6	1 703.9
1995	879.6	869.8	1 749.3	1 733.8
1996 p	896.1	885.9	1 781.9	1 765.4
Quarters				
Mar 96	883.7	873.9	1 757.7	..
Jun 96	887.6	877.7	1 765.3	..
Sep 96 p	891.6	881.5	1 773.2	..
Dec 96 p	896.1	885.9	1 781.9	..
Mar 97 p	900.4	890.0	1 790.4	..
Jun 97 p	904.4	893.7	1 798.1	..

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 30 June 1997 was 1,798,100, an increase of 7,700 in the June quarter and 32,800 in the financial year 1996-97. The annual growth rate during 1996-97 was 1.86% compared with a rate of 1.82% in the previous year.

1.2 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

	Natural increase	Net estimated overseas migration(a)	Net estimated interstate migration	Total increase
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Financial Years				
1994-95	14.8	10.5	5.1	30.1
1995-96	14.0	12.3	4.1	30.4
1996-97 p	14.3	13.3	5.3	32.9
Calendar years				
1994	14.5	8.0	4.5	26.9
1995	14.6	13.2	4.3	32.0
1996 p	13.8	12.5	5.8	32.1
Quarters				
Mar 96	3.7	3.2	1.2	8.1
Jun 96	3.6	2.3	1.4	7.3
Sep 96 p	3.1	3.5	1.3	7.9
Dec 96 p	3.4	3.5	1.9	8.8
Mar 97 p	4.0	4.5	0.0	8.5
Jun 97 p	3.8	1.8	2.1	7.7

(a) Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'.

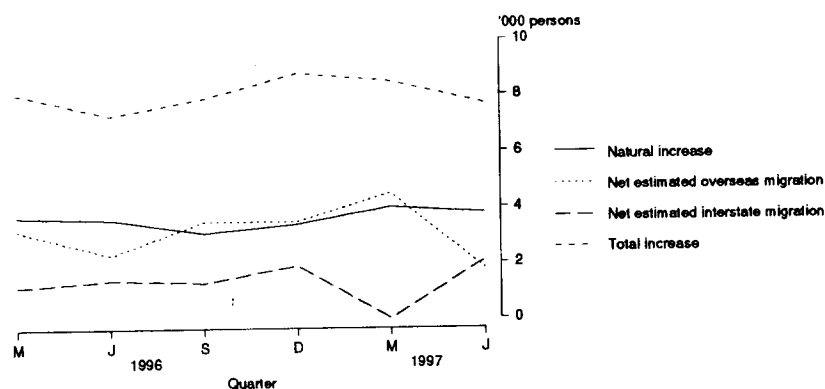
Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.2

In the June quarter 1997, the population increased by 7,700 compared with an increase of 8,500 in the previous quarter. Both the natural increase and net estimated overseas migration were lower than the March quarter 1997. However, net estimated interstate migration increased to 2,100 from zero in the previous quarter.

For the financial year 1996-97 the increase of 32,900 was 8.2% higher than the increase in the previous year.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0).

1.3

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births	Infant Deaths	Total Deaths	Marriages	Divorces
Financial Years					
1994-95	25 022	137	10 261	10 381	4 930
1995-96	24 881	140	10 670	10 019	5 195
1996-97 p	24 840	130	10 561	10 372	4 931
Calendar years					
1994	25 124	137	10 295	10 366	5 024
1995	25 122	128	10 361	10 404	5 040
1996	24 800	156	11 019	10 294	4 959
Quarters					
Mar 96	6 236	53	2 588	2 939	1 231
Jun 96	6 288	29	2 633	2 449	1 163
Sep 96	6 203	37	3 094	1 458	1 294
Dec 96	6 073	36	2 704	3 448	1 271
Mar 97 p	6 296	30	2 343	2 904	1 233
Jun 97 p	6 268	27	2 420	2 562	1 133

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.3

The number of marriages in the June quarter 1997 fell by 342 or 11.8% on the previous quarter. The total of 2,562 marriages in June quarter 1997 was a rise of 4.6% on June quarter 1996.

The total number of deaths increased by 77 from March quarter 1997, a rise of 3.3%. The number of live births fell by 0.4% and divorces fell by 8.1% from March quarter 1997. Compared to June quarter 1996, the number of deaths decreased by 213 or 8.1% and births decreased by 20 or 0.3%. The number of divorces fell by 30, or 2.6%.

Preliminary data for 1996-97 shows a drop of 41 live births or 0.2% from the previous year. The number of divorces fell by 264 or 5.1% and marriages rose by 353 (3.5%). Total deaths fell by 109 or 1.0% and infant deaths decreased by 10 or 7.1%.

1.4

RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births(a)	Infant Deaths(b)	Total Deaths(a)	Marriages(a)	Divorces(a)
Financial Years					
1994-95	14.6	5.5	6.0	6.0	2.9
1995-96	14.2	5.6	6.1	5.7	3.0
1996-97 p	13.9	5.2	5.9	5.8	2.8
Calendar years					
1994	14.7	5.5	6.0	6.1	2.9
1995	14.5	5.1	6.0	6.0	2.9
1996	14.0	6.3	6.2	5.8	2.8
Quarters					
Mar 96	14.2	8.5	5.9	6.7	2.8
Jun 96	14.3	4.6	6.0	5.6	2.6
Sep 96	14.0	6.0	7.0	3.3	2.9
Dec 96	13.7	5.9	6.1	7.8	2.9
Mar 97 p	14.1	4.8	5.2	6.5	2.8
Jun 97 p	14.0	4.3	5.4	5.7	2.5

- (a) For financial and calendar years the rate is per '000 mean resident population.
For quarters, the mean is the average of the previous and current quarterly population.
- (b) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.4

The rate of infant deaths continued to fall, from 4.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in the March quarter 1997 to 4.3 infant deaths in the June quarter 1997.

Compared to June quarter 1996, rates declined by 0.3 for live births, 0.6 for total deaths, 0.3 for infant deaths and 0.1 for divorces. The rate of marriages increased by 0.1.

The rates for live births, infant deaths, marriages and divorces in June quarter 1997 all decreased on the previous quarter. Only the rate for deaths increased, by 0.2.

Compared to 1995-96, preliminary rates for 1996-97 show falls for live births, infant deaths, total deaths and divorces, but a rise for marriages.

For more information regarding tables on Vital statistics, please contact Carmel Ryan on (08) 9360 5385.

2.1 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

	SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS.....			LONG-TERM ARRIVALS.....		
	Permanent Arrivals	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	Total Arrivals
ARRIVALS						
Financial Years						
1994-95	10 380	289 250	339 690	9 070	8 470	656 850
1995-96	11 320	308 110	361 180	8 600	10 170	699 380
1996-97	10 520	334 750	397 610	8 880	11 650	763 410
Months						
Oct 96	940	38 310	34 460	690	740	75 130
Nov 96	1 000	25 040	37 270	930	480	64 730
Dec 96	990	18 980	49 430	1 450	490	71 340
Jan 97	900	39 040	29 630	870	1 850	72 290
Feb 97	780	21 440	39 350	620	2 700	64 900
Mar 97	920	24 880	35 670	740	590	62 800
Apr 97	830	24 030	33 000	580	670	59 110
May 97	790	24 280	25 000	540	500	51 110
Jun 97	760	27 310	28 540	580	680	57 850
Jul 97	750	36 790	30 820	670	2 110	71 140
Aug 97	720	33 360	26 780	600	690	62 150
Sep 97	720	33 830	31 640	650	640	67 490
Oct 97	790	43 460	37 810	720	860	83 630
Nov 97	950	28 170	37 840	890	620	68 470
Dec 97	810	19 980	49 380	1 440	590	72 190

	SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES.....			LONG-TERM DEPARTURES.....		
	Permanent Departures	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	Total Departures
DEPARTURES						
Financial Years						
1994-95	3 580	292 270	343 610	7 560	4 710	651 730
1995-96	3 890	305 910	366 340	7 680	5 480	689 300
1996-97	3 610	339 990	389 530	8 080	6 180	747 390
Months						
Oct 96	250	26 830	28 770	500	330	56 680
Nov 96	320	24 850	32 650	530	590	58 950
Dec 96	310	35 260	42 400	730	1 180	79 880
Jan 97	370	23 760	41 050	1 120	500	66 800
Feb 97	280	20 340	36 760	710	410	58 500
Mar 97	320	27 960	32 850	730	410	62 270
Apr 97	330	25 870	36 390	750	390	63 730
May 97	290	30 520	28 360	630	400	60 210
Jun 97	280	29 910	29 840	550	640	61 230
Jul 97	360	40 020	27 080	690	710	68 870
Aug 97	290	33 010	29 840	700	400	64 250
Sep 97	260	40 300	28 230	630	480	69 910
Oct 97	230	30 750	31 790	530	400	63 700
Nov 97	320	28 280	37 280	580	730	67 180
Dec 97	300	33 360	40 570	710	1 520	76 460

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

Total arrivals in December 1997 were 5% higher than in the previous month and were 1% higher than in December 1996.

The number of Western Australian residents returning from short-term visits overseas fell by 29% from the previous month to 19,980 persons. This was a 5% increase over December 1996. The number of overseas visitors arriving in Western Australia for short-term visits increased by 30% from November 1997 and fell by less than 1% since December 1996.

The number of residents returning to Western Australia in December 1997 after a long-term stay overseas, increased by 62% on the previous month and decreased by less than 1% on the December 1996 level. Arrivals of long-term overseas visitors decreased by 5% on November 1997, and increased by 20% on December 1996 figures.

Total departures in December 1997 rose by 14% on the previous month and were 4% lower than in December 1996.

The number of short-term departures of Western Australian residents rose by 18% on November 1997, and fell by 5% on December 1996 figures. Short-term departures of overseas visitors rose by 9% on November 1997. The number of long-term departures of overseas visitors rose by 108% on November 1997 and long-term departures of Western Australian residents rose by 22% over the same period.

2.2

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES(a)

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Singapore	Total(b)
Financial Years						
1994-95	24 330	61 070	44 240	28 980	59 600	339 690
1995-96	24 200	59 220	49 260	30 120	64 690	361 180
1996-97	26 420	69 460	51 600	33 940	63 950	397 610
Months						
Oct 96	2 740	5 470	4 250	2 430	4 690	34 460
Nov 96	1 680	9 350	3 120	2 170	7 850	37 270
Dec 96	2 400	10 090	6 840	3 990	7 630	49 430
Jan 97	1 940	7 200	3 400	3 220	2 500	29 630
Feb 97	1 410	6 440	7 930	3 040	5 060	39 350
Mar 97	2 080	8 420	3 400	3 500	5 200	35 670
Apr 97	2 590	5 710	4 120	2 850	5 430	33 000
May 97	1 880	2 510	2 910	1 270	4 770	25 000
Jun 97	2 180	3 300	4 250	1 100	9 150	28 540
Jul 97	2 090	3 070	6 730	2 560	3 880	30 820
Aug 97	2 250	3 120	2 610	4 060	3 940	26 780
Sep 97	2 560	5 240	2 350	3 190	5 800	31 640
Oct 97	3 320	8 240	3 290	2 480	6 240	37 810
Nov 97	2 350	8 840	2 670	2 650	6 920	37 840
Dec 97	2 520	12 330	3 300	3 260	8 650	49 380

(a) Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

(b) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013.

Total short-term overseas visitor arrivals rose by 30% on November 1997. The total of 49,380 arrivals in December 1997 was less than 1% lower than in December 1996.

The number of visitors from the United Kingdom and Ireland in December 1997 increased by 3,490 or 39% on November 1997 and increased by 22% on December 1996. Short-term arrivals from Indonesia increased by 24% on November 1997, and decreased by 52% on December 1996.

2.3

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS BY AIR, PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....								
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total(a)
Financial Years									
1994-95	7 720	19 290	33 350	24 640	19 200	45 100	7 180	2 760	193 880
1995-96	6 800	19 010	35 610	23 840	20 800	47 520	8 770	3 250	200 560
1996-97	6 670	24 050	33 880	27 870	23 600	45 350	10 240	2 590	215 820
Months									
Oct 96	550	1 680	2 800	1 810	2 280	3 410	1 610	200	18 580
Nov 96	370	2 790	2 150	1 680	2 010	6 510	580	160	20 580
Dec 96	610	3 690	5 710	3 380	2 420	5 840	1 330	400	29 830
Jan 97	420	2 930	1 290	2 520	570	960	500	280	13 050
Feb 97	350	2 610	5 600	2 750	2 690	3 110	730	190	22 380
Mar 97	570	3 110	2 260	2 770	1 110	3 820	960	200	19 150
Apr 97	570	1 700	2 510	2 380	1 860	3 440	1 150	150	16 340
May 97	270	860	1 920	1 000	3 420	3 600	880	310	13 760
Jun 97	760	1 000	2 840	890	1 340	7 010	370	240	16 210
Jul 97	590	1 030	4 230	2 090	1 640	1 840	580	180	15 390
Aug 97	850	1 020	1 470	2 960	2 660	2 740	380	310	15 040
Sep 97	940	1 770	1 150	2 530	3 180	4 230	130	280	17 170
Oct 97	970	2 870	1 600	2 160	3 170	4 180	370	180	19 380
Nov 97	710	2 920	1 780	2 160	2 260	5 260	160	460	20 080
Dec 97	450	3 960	2 580	2 880	2 560	7 110	2 060	220	27 340

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTR0031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.3

The number of short-term overseas visitor arrivals for holidays in Western Australia in December 1997 rose by 36% on November 1997. There was a total of 27,340 visitors in December 1997 compared with 29,830 in December 1996.

For December 1997, there was an increase in the number of holidaymakers from Singapore of 1,850 or 35%, compared with November 1997. Holidaymakers from Thailand increased by 1,900 or 1188%. The number of holidaymakers from New Zealand decreased by 260 or 37% and by 240 persons or 52% from the United States of America.

Compared with December 1996, the number of holidaymakers from Thailand increased by 55% and by 22% from Singapore. Over the same period the number of holidaymakers from Indonesia decreased by 55% and by 15% from Japan.

2.4

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS (a)

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Total(a)
Financial Years						
1994-95	25 750	40 850	68 420	23 070	25 840	292 270
1995-96	25 100	44 070	68 860	22 780	29 430	305 910
1996-97	26 580	50 320	89 030	23 620	26 770	339 990
Months						
Oct 96	2 150	3 090	8 990	1 890	1 890	26 830
Nov 96	1 830	2 740	7 590	1 840	1 820	24 850
Dec 96	4 790	4 990	7 230	2 960	2 690	35 260
Jan 97	2 770	2 240	6 510	1 650	2 020	23 760
Feb 97	1 910	2 170	4 870	1 930	2 380	20 340
Mar 97	2 210	3 290	7 630	1 740	2 960	27 960
Apr 97	2 360	3 670	5 900	1 540	1 860	25 870
May 97	1 180	7 410	6 460	1 800	2 490	30 520
Jun 97	930	6 230	8 570	1 800	1 840	29 910
Jul 97	2 110	7 360	10 790	3 140	2 720	40 020
Aug 97	1 650	4 920	10 470	2 260	3 380	33 010
Sep 97	2 450	5 090	12 940	2 180	3 400	40 300
Oct 97	2 470	3 190	10 870	1 840	2 260	30 750
Nov 97	1 950	2 840	8 100	2 060	2 660	28 280
Dec 97	5 380	4 550	6 530	2 340	2 310	33 360

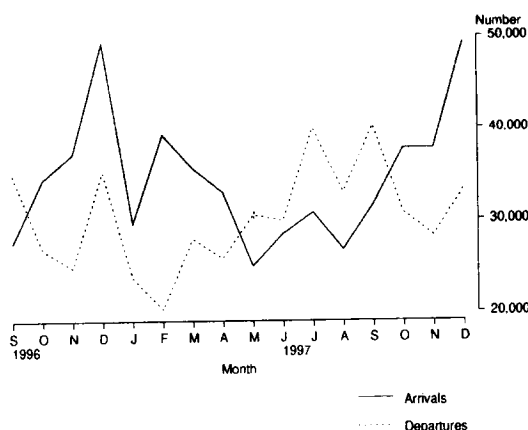
(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.4

For December 1997, short term departures of residents from Western Australia increased by 5,080 persons, or 18%, on November 1997. The total of 33,360 persons was 1,900 or 5% lower than recorded for December 1996. Compared with November 1997, short-term departures of residents to New Zealand and the United Kingdom and Ireland increased by 176% and 60% respectively. The number of short-term departures of residents to Indonesia fell by 19%.

SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY MONTH



Source: Unpublished table PMTR0013.

2.5

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY AIR TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS: HOLIDAY

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total (a)
Financial Years								
1994-95	11 100	18 430	55 070	11 480	13 220	12 560	9 940	160 730
1995-96	10 120	18 420	53 060	10 430	15 670	12 750	9 650	160 120
1996-97	10 860	23 760	72 520	10 660	13 480	9 790	9 530	186 240
Months								
Oct 96	1 070	1 710	7 330	790	1 340	1 250	460	15 990
Nov 96	640	950	6 100	1 000	1 010	500	450	12 620
Dec 96	1 790	1 970	6 430	1 510	1 420	490	1 260	18 950
Jan 97	1 060	740	5 240	830	900	560	500	11 980
Feb 97	830	580	3 680	620	1 020	650	150	9 260
Mar 97	960	1 250	6 520	650	2 150	1 160	840	16 210
Apr 97	1 220	1 960	4 080	310	550	810	610	12 910
May 97	370	4 020	5 120	630	1 120	530	800	15 720
Jun 97	420	3 320	6 290	900	740	740	840	16 580
Jul 97	1 120	4 340	9 560	2 110	1 360	1 280	1 200	25 110
Aug 97	860	2 240	8 650	910	2 270	590	850	19 590
Sep 97	1 170	2 840	11 260	780	1 800	1 640	1 950	25 120
Oct 97	1 260	1 700	9 720	840	1 280	1 980	960	19 410
Nov 97	970	1 120	6 270	920	1 140	1 220	550	14 380
Dec 97	1 800	1 860	5 330	1 420	1 500	1 170	770	17 810

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTR0031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.5

There were 17,810 short-term departures by air of Western Australian residents for holidays abroad in December 1997. This was 3,430 residents or 24% more than departed in November 1997 and 1,140 residents less than in December 1996.

For December 1997, countries which recorded an increase in the number of Western Australian short-term holidaymakers included New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore and the United Kingdom and Ireland. Of the other popular holiday destinations for Western Australians, Indonesia and Thailand recorded decreases in the number of holidaymakers visiting since November 1997.

Indonesia continues to be the favoured short-term holiday destination for Western Australian residents, although the proportion has declined from the levels of the past few months. Of the total of 17,810 departures for December 1997, 5,330 or 30% chose Indonesia as their holiday destination.

Compared with December 1996, departures of holidaymakers decreased by 6% overall. Indonesia and the United States of America recorded decreases, by 17% and 39% respectively. Thailand recorded an increase of 139% in the number of short term visitors from Western Australia.

For more information regarding Overseas Arrivals and Departures, please contact Carmel Ryan on (08) 9360 5385.

2.6

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES..... CARAVAN PARKS.....

	Guest rooms	Room occupancy rates	Guest arrivals	Number of sites	Site occupancy rates	Guest arrivals
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years(a)						
1994-95	14 754	60	2 219	29 554	40	1 231
1995-96	15 085	60	2 256	29 952	40	1 299
1996-97	18 891	54	2 495	30 238	41	1 364
Months						
Oct 96		67	232		38	116
Nov 96		61	195		36	79
Dec 96	15 996	54	193	30 105	40	111
Jan 97		54	487		45	128
Feb 97		60	424		39	76
Mar 97	16 065	58	474	30 212	40	102
Apr 97		58	193		40	105
May 97		53	177		38	86
Jun 97	16 040	51	165	30 238	41	93
Jul 97		56	193		45	143
Aug 97		56	198		46	146
Sep 97	16 275	63	224	30 205	45	138
Oct 97		65	228		40	117
Nov 97		59	193		38	85
Dec 97	16 296	52	194	30 026	41	120

HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS, HOUSES..... VISITOR HOSTELS.....

	Guest units	Unit occupancy rates	Unit lettings	Bed spaces	Bed occupancy rates	Guest nights
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years(a)						
1994-95	2 419	57	110	2 834	41	431
1995-96	2 687	57	134	3 171	43	478
1996-97	2 849	56	142	3 259	40	465
Months						
Oct 96		63	14		39	38
Nov 96		54	12		41	38
Dec 96	2 797	61	13	3 109	41	39
Jan 97		69	14		42	42
Feb 97		55	12		41	37
Mar 97	2 832	58	13	3 224	42	42
Apr 97		57	12		44	42
May 97		46	11		40	38
Jun 97	2 849	43	9	3 259	36	35
Jul 97		55	12		36	37
Aug 97		46	11		34	35
Sep 97	2 918	57	14	3 295	37	37
Oct 97		63	15		37	38
Nov 97		55	13		40	40
Dec 97	2 988	59	14	3 324	42	43

(a) Number at 30 June.

Reference: Tourist Accommodation, Western Australia (8635.5).

For more information regarding this table, please contact Pam Prince on (08) 9360 5207.

3.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Seasonally Adjusted

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Dec 96	428.4	484.1	40.7	7.8	76.1
Jan 97	434.2	491.8	37.2	7.0	76.6
Feb 97	435.1	490.3	38.0	7.2	76.3
Mar 97	433.4	490.0	37.4	7.1	76.1
Apr 97	434.8	490.4	36.7	7.0	75.9
May 97	436.2	492.1	37.6	7.1	76.1
Jun 97	437.5	495.3	38.2	7.2	76.5
Jul 97	438.4	491.7	39.4	7.4	76.0
Aug 97	440.5	497.4	38.9	7.3	76.6
Sep 97	442.2	497.1	39.9	7.4	76.6
Oct 97	439.9	498.7	33.6	6.3	75.8
Nov 97	443.7	501.7	38.2	7.1	76.7
Dec 97	445.5	502.7	38.7	7.1	76.8
Jan 98	447.0	503.0	37.2	6.9	76.5
Feb 98	441.0	500.2	36.3	6.8	75.9
Females					
Dec 96	201.7	366.7	29.6	7.5	56.9
Jan 97	193.4	363.7	32.3	8.1	56.7
Feb 97	190.3	364.1	31.8	8.0	56.6
Mar 97	189.2	360.3	31.1	7.9	55.9
Apr 97	190.8	358.0	31.3	8.0	55.5
May 97	192.0	356.9	26.2	6.8	54.5
Jun 97	188.0	358.2	27.7	7.2	54.8
Jul 97	196.7	362.7	26.9	6.9	55.2
Aug 97	195.7	363.2	28.6	7.3	55.4
Sep 97	199.4	374.3	25.4	6.3	56.4
Oct 97	196.6	367.1	26.6	6.7	55.5
Nov 97	197.7	365.7	26.7	6.8	55.2
Dec 97	197.6	364.5	29.1	7.4	55.3
Jan 98	201.8	367.5	29.2	7.4	55.7
Feb 98	195.4	372.1	28.9	7.2	56.2
Persons					
Dec 96	630.0	850.8	70.3	7.6	66.4
Jan 97	627.6	855.4	69.5	7.5	66.6
Feb 97	625.4	854.4	69.8	7.5	66.4
Mar 97	622.6	850.4	68.5	7.5	65.9
Apr 97	625.7	848.4	68.0	7.4	65.6
May 97	628.2	849.0	63.8	7.0	65.3
Jun 97	625.5	853.5	65.9	7.2	65.6
Jul 97	635.1	854.4	66.3	7.2	65.6
Aug 97	636.3	860.6	67.5	7.3	66.0
Sep 97	641.6	871.4	65.3	7.0	66.5
Oct 97	636.5	865.8	60.2	6.5	65.6
Nov 97	641.4	867.4	64.9	7.0	65.9
Dec 97	643.1	867.2	67.8	7.2	66.0
Jan 98	648.8	870.5	66.4	7.1	66.0
Feb 98	636.4	872.3	65.2	7.0	66.0

Reference : The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.1% in February 1998.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed decreased by 1,200 to 65,200, while the number of persons employed increased by 1,800 to 872,300.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for February 1998 remained at 66.0%, and continues to be the highest of all the States.

3.2

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Trend (a)

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Dec 96	431.1	485.5	40.0	7.6	76.2
Jan 97	432.3	487.5	38.9	7.4	76.2
Feb 97	433.5	489.3	37.9	7.2	76.2
Mar 97	434.4	490.7	37.3	7.1	76.2
Apr 97	435.4	491.6	37.4	7.1	76.2
May 97	436.4	492.4	37.8	7.1	76.2
Jun 97	437.5	493.2	38.2	7.2	76.2
Jul 97	438.6	494.4	38.4	7.2	76.3
Aug 97	439.9	496.1	38.4	7.2	76.4
Sep 97	441.2	497.7	38.1	7.1	76.4
Oct 97	442.4	499.3	37.8	7.0	76.5
Nov 97	443.3	500.6	37.4	7.0	76.5
Dec 97	444.0	501.6	37.2	6.9	76.4
Jan 98	444.4	502.3	37.0	6.9	76.4
Feb 98	445.5	502.4	36.9	6.8	76.3
Females					
Dec 96	195.5	364.3	30.1	7.6	56.6
Jan 97	193.8	363.5	30.9	7.8	56.5
Feb 97	192.2	362.2	31.1	7.9	56.3
Mar 97	190.8	360.5	30.7	7.9	55.9
Apr 97	190.2	359.1	29.9	7.7	55.4
May 97	190.7	358.8	28.8	7.4	55.1
Jun 97	192.2	360.2	27.8	7.2	55.1
Jul 97	194.0	362.5	27.0	6.9	55.2
Aug 97	195.7	364.8	26.7	6.8	55.4
Sep 97	197.0	366.5	26.7	6.8	55.5
Oct 97	197.9	367.3	27.1	6.9	55.6
Nov 97	198.3	367.6	27.5	7.0	55.6
Dec 97	198.4	367.7	28.0	7.1	55.6
Jan 98	198.3	368.1	28.6	7.2	55.6
Feb 98	198.3	368.5	29.0	7.3	55.7
Persons					
Dec 96	626.5	849.9	70.1	7.6	66.3
Jan 97	626.2	851.0	69.7	7.6	66.3
Feb 97	625.6	851.5	69.0	7.5	66.2
Mar 97	625.2	851.1	68.1	7.4	66.0
Apr 97	625.6	850.7	67.3	7.3	65.8
May 97	627.1	851.2	66.6	7.3	65.6
Jun 97	629.7	853.3	66.0	7.2	65.6
Jul 97	632.6	856.9	65.5	7.1	65.7
Aug 97	635.7	860.9	65.0	7.0	65.8
Sep 97	638.3	864.3	64.8	7.0	65.9
Oct 97	640.2	866.8	64.8	7.0	66.0
Nov 97	641.6	868.2	64.9	7.0	66.0
Dec 97	642.4	869.3	65.2	7.0	66.0
Jan 98	642.7	870.3	65.6	7.0	66.0
Feb 98	642.7	870.9	65.9	7.0	65.9

(a) Trend estimates for the previous six months have been revised.

Reference: Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.2

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate remained at 7.0%.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Sharon Morrison on (08) 9360 5900.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES : Trend

Reference: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0).

3.4

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

WORKERS INVOLVED.....

	<i>Number of Disputes</i>	<i>Directly</i>	<i>Indirectly</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Working days lost</i>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>
Calendar Year					
1994	82	15.7	0.2	15.9	27.4
1995	70	99.7	0.0	99.7	101.6
1996	54	36.2	0.0	36.2	47.3
Months					
Oct 96	6	3.0	0.0	3.0	1.6
Nov 96	8	1.3	0.0	1.3	0.8
Dec 96	2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
Jan 97	4	1.3	0.1	1.4	15.5
Feb 97	5	1.3	0.0	1.3	2.4
Mar 97	1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Apr 97	7	16.9	0.3	17.2	20.2
May 97	9	6.4	0.1	6.5	9.8
Jun 97	6	4.9	0.0	4.9	3.7
Jul 97	10	1.5	0.0	1.5	0.8
Aug 97	5	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.8
Sep 97	10	1.8	0.0	1.8	1.6
Oct 97	6	2.2	0.0	2.2	1.0
Nov 97	13	1.8	0.0	1.8	3.4
Dec 97	9	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.4

Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished Data.

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1996	Aug 1996	Nov 1996	Feb 1997	May 1997	Aug 1997	Sept qtr 1997
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
Mining	29.8	29.7	29.2	28.9	30.1	29.3	493.5
Manufacturing	69.9	74.6	69.0	74.0	67.7	69.1	626.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.8	82.3
Construction	31.6	30.5	32.4	29.8	34.2	31.4	338.1
Wholesale trade	43.1	44.1	45.1	43.3	45.7	39.7	321.8
Retail trade	105.0	108.7	116.9	104.0	108.2	105.8	471.4
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	32.7	34.0	37.1	37.9	37.0	38.9	190.0
Transport and storage	24.0	23.3	21.8	23.5	25.2	23.6	236.6
Communication services	11.0	10.5	10.1	10.4	10.1	9.8	102.0
Finance & insurance	19.3	16.1	18.6	23.4	24.6	24.0	209.8
Property & business services	79.9	83.3	67.4	85.6	87.2	89.2	606.4
Government administration and defence	31.4	31.1	32.2	32.9	31.5	30.6	268.9
Education	57.0	59.3	65.4	59.9	63.7	63.3	472.9
Health & community services	76.7	73.0	72.4	67.9	67.9	70.2	471.3
Cultural & recreational services	* 16.1	9.7	9.2	16.5	15.3	18.3	85.7
Personal & other services	28.0	25.9	29.3	26.9	23.2	23.0	147.0
All Industries (a)	663.6	662.1	664.4	673.6	680.1	674.5	5 136.6
Sector							
Private	510.5	515.6	515.5	528.3	534.0	530.0	3 846.5
Public	153.1	146.5	149.0	145.3	146.1	144.5	1 290.1

Industry	May 1997.....			August 1997.....		
	Full-time	Part-time	Persons	Full-time	Part-time	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Mining	29.3	0.8	30.1	28.4	0.9	29.3
Manufacturing	60.5	7.2	67.7	62.8	6.4	69.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.8	0.2	7.0	6.6	0.2	6.8
Construction	31.3	2.9	34.2	29.1	2.3	31.4
Wholesale trade	34.7	11.0	45.7	28.8	11.0	39.7
Retail trade	48.9	59.3	108.2	46.6	59.2	105.8
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	13.4	23.7	37.0	17.9	21.0	38.9
Transport and storage	21.0	4.2	25.2	20.1	3.5	23.6
Communication services	8.8	1.3	10.1	8.4	1.5	9.8
Finance & insurance	18.4	6.3	24.6	17.4	6.6	24.0
Property & business services	57.2	30.0	87.2	55.0	34.2	89.2
Government administration and defence	25.3	6.2	31.5	25.1	5.5	30.6
Education	39.1	24.6	63.7	39.7	23.6	63.3
Health & community services	31.2	36.6	67.9	32.8	37.4	70.2
Cultural & recreational services	6.4	8.9	15.3	5.8	12.5	18.3
Personal & other services	16.5	6.7	23.2	15.0	8.0	23.0
All industries (a)	450.2	230.0	680.1	440.8	233.7	674.5
Sector						
Private	343.3	190.8	534.0	334.5	195.5	530.0
Public	106.9	39.2	146.1	106.3	38.2	144.5

(a) Includes employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Reference: Wage and Salary Earners (6248.0).

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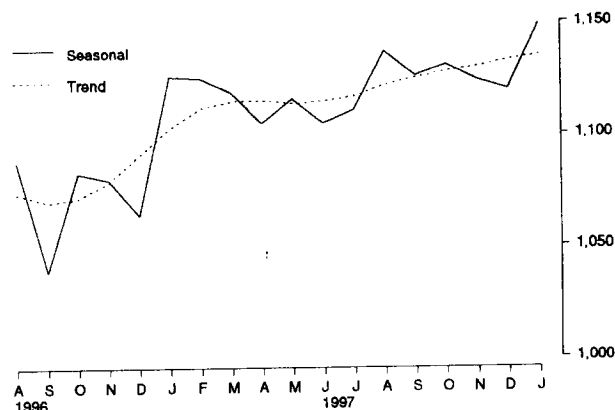
MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER: Original

	Food	Department stores	Clothing and soft goods	Other household goods	Recreational goods
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months					
Feb 97	428.7	76.2	50.3	157.2	49.1
Mar 97	467.0	89.1	56.7	157.1	50.1
Apr 97	426.1	88.5	59.0	165.0	58.2
May 97	454.4	107.0	65.2	174.2	59.1
Jun 97	417.5	81.2	53.2	163.1	55.3
Jul 97	445.1	95.3	50.2	167.8	59.6
Aug 97	445.8	87.5	45.2	170.1	56.3
Sep 97	437.8	94.7	44.3	173.3	57.6
Oct 97	478.5	104.8	53.8	182.4	60.4
Nov 97	464.4	110.3	50.8	r 190.4	60.2
Dec 97	546.3	188.3	70.6	r 228.0	86.5
Jan 98	503.7	87.6	54.0	184.5	56.5

	Hospitality and services	Other	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimates
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months					
Feb 97	150.4	91.7	1 003.5	1 125.0	1 111.6
Mar 97	160.0	87.4	1 067.4	1 119.1	1 115.1
Apr 97	161.8	101.4	1 060.1	1 104.7	1 114.9
May 97	163.1	103.2	1 126.2	1 115.6	1 114.3
Jun 97	157.9	91.2	1 019.4	1 104.6	1 114.9
Jul 97	173.4	105.9	1 097.2	1 111.3	1 117.4
Aug 97	171.7	103.8	1 080.3	1 136.7	1 121.8
Sep 97	r 171.9	r 111.7	r 1091.6	r 1126.9	1 125.4
Oct 97	r 171.2	113.2	1 164.2	r 1130.9	1 128.0
Nov 97	r 168.3	109.5	r 1153.9	r 1124.3	1 130.3
Dec 97	r 193.1	151.7	r 1464.6	r 1120.4	1 133.0
Jan 98	162.9	96.5	1 145.7	1 149.0	1 135.3

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0).

MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0).

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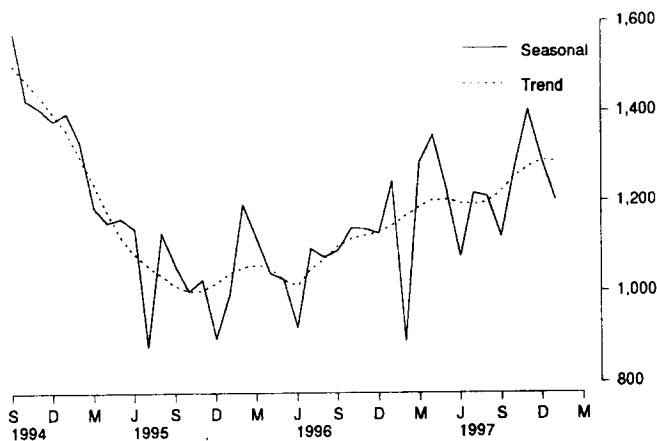
NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	HOUSES.....		OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.....		TOTAL (a).....	
	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value
	No.	\$m	No.	\$m	No.	\$m
Financial years						
1994-95	16 207	1 354.3	6 105	420.3	22 427	1 774.6
1995-96	12 211	1 148.3	3 527	272.3	15 853	1 420.7
1996-97	13 633	1 349.1	2 013	175.7	15 743	1 524.7
Months						
Nov 96	1 175	112.6	187	15.2	1 366	127.8
Dec 96	1 035	102.4	194	18.1	1 242	120.5
Jan 97	1 034	103.4	135	15.6	1 182	119.0
Feb 97	803	80.2	238	21.1	1 047	101.3
Mar 97	1 039	108.7	165	17.1	1 216	125.8
Apr 97	1 456	143.8	163	15.4	1 626	159.2
May 97	1 376	140.5	195	16.8	1 576	157.3
Jun 97	1 151	120.6	103	9.6	1 254	130.2
Jul 97	1 283	129.8	223	17.4	1 531	147.2
Aug 97	1 225	125.1	132	10.0	1 373	135.0
Sep 97	1 216	129.0	95	10.3	1 328	139.3
Oct 97	1 323	136.4	183	14.2	1 508	150.6
Nov 97	1 355	142.2	184	12.4	1 541	154.6
Dec 97	1 214	123.4	171	11.7	1 412	135.2
Jan 98	976	105.1	178	17.2	1 155	122.3

(a) Includes conversions.

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5).

NEW HOUSES APPROVED, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5).

5.2

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	Private	Public	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years			
1994-95	580.9	147.3	728.2
1995-96	692.0	111.1	803.1
1996-97	774.3	430.1	1 204.4
Months			
Nov 96	54.9	110.1	165.0
Dec 96	39.0	7.4	46.4
Jan 97	31.7	35.0	66.7
Feb 97	73.6	44.2	117.8
Mar 97	68.3	22.1	90.4
Apr 97	72.7	6.1	78.8
May 97	63.1	83.3	146.4
Jun 97	46.3	7.8	54.1
Jul 97	71.2	34.1	105.3
Aug 97	51.8	29.6	81.4
Sep 97	54.3	2.2	56.5
Oct 97	64.6	33.7	98.3
Nov 97	70.5	8.9	79.4
Dec 97	57.3	13.0	70.3
Jan 98	46.3	11.3	57.6

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5).

*For more information regarding Building Approvals, please contact
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5.3

SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

	Materials used in house building	Established homes	Project homes
Financial Years			
1994-95	112.7	109.0	100.0
1995-96	114.8	108.2	101.6
1996-97	115.3	109.2	101.3
Quarters			
Sep 96	115.0	108.0	101.5
Dec 96	115.0	107.5	101.4
Mar 97	115.3	110.4	101.2
Jun 97	115.8	110.9	101.2
Sep 97	116.0	112.2	101.3
Dec 97	115.8	112.8	101.4

Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

References: Price Index of Materials used in House Building (6408.0).

House Price Indexes (6416.0).

5.4

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, PERTH

SPECIAL SERIES.....

	<i>All groups</i>	<i>Electrical materials</i>	<i>Mechanical services</i>	<i>Plumbing</i>
Financial years				
1994-95	110.1	107.3	106.8	114.4
1995-96	113.2	113.0	112.3	120.1
1996-97	114.6	110.6	113.3	119.2
Quarters				
Sep 96	114.0	111.0	114.0	117.5
Dec 96	114.3	109.7	113.0	117.8
Mar 97	114.9	110.7	113.2	119.9
Jun 97	115.2	111.0	112.9	121.6
Sep 97	115.3	111.0	113.1	124.7
Dec 97	114.8	109.9	113.3	124.9

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS.....

	<i>Structural timber</i>	<i>Clay bricks</i>	<i>Ready mixed concrete</i>	<i>Structural steel</i>	<i>Aluminium windows</i>
Financial years					
1994-95	110.6	118.0	117.8	103.6	112.5
1995-96	109.3	120.7	115.0	107.5	118.1
1996-97	106.6	124.1	120.1	113.9	117.0
Quarters					
Sep 96	106.8	123.5	119.6	109.9	116.4
Dec 96	105.6	123.6	119.5	113.4	116.4
Mar 97	106.9	123.6	121.0	116.1	116.4
Jun 97	107.2	125.5	120.1	116.1	118.8
Sep 97	107.2	127.4	118.8	116.1	118.8
Dec 97	107.4	127.4	117.2	116.1	118.8

Base of each index 1989-90 = 100.0.

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building (6407.0).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

	CATTLE.....			OTHER.....			
	Bulls, bullocks, steers	Cows, heifers	Total (excluding calves)	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
Financial Years							
1994-95	244	186	430	4	3 088	1 464	604
1995-96	218	182	400	3	2 833	1 594	563
1996-97p	r 192	r 214.5	r 407	r 6	r 2635	r 2081	r 550
Months							
Nov 96 p	20	20	40	1	r 257	r 156	45
Dec 96 p	21	20	41	-	r 223	r 128	47
Jan 97 p	20	21	41	-	r 207	r 124	43
Feb 97 p	r 16	21	38	-	r 211	r 179	46
Mar 97 p	14	18	32	-	r 227	r 175	50
Apr 97 p	14	r 16	30	-	r 214	198	45
May 97 p	14	r 17	31	1	r 238	r 228	49
Jun 97 p	13	r 15	28	-	r 118	r 140	53
Jul 97 p	r 14	r 18	32	1	r 137	r 154	47
Aug 97 p	r 14	r 18	32	-	r 212	r 154	45
Sep 97 p	18	19	37	-	r 282	r 221	45
Oct 97p	21	22	r 43	-	r 327	r 219	43
Nov 97p	20	19	r 39	-	r 278	r 175	42
Dec 97p	19	r 23	42	-	r 216	r 133	44
Jan 98 p	16	28	44	-	263	117	41

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0).

6.2

MEAT PRODUCED (a)(Tonnes Carcass Weight)

	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
Financial Years					
1994-95	97 140	250	61 868	22 359	37 109
1995-96	94 859	213	57 428	28 139	35 341
1996-97p	r 91369	r 319	r 52164	r 35701	r 38837
Months					
Oct 96p	9456	24	6 272	3 985	2 919
Nov 96p	r 9228	r 27	r 5201	r 2629	r 3160
Dec 96p	r 8942	r 28	r 4429	r 2211	r 3256
Jan 97p	r 9103	r 25	r 3980	r 2166	r 3090
Feb 97p	r 8323	r 23	r 4016	r 3095	r 3305
Mar 97p	r 7201	r 23	r 4718	r 2975	r 3570
Apr 97p	r 6474	r 20	r 4416	r 3366	r 3144
May 97p	r 6836	r 40	r 4570	r 3959	r 3729
Jun 97p	r 6187	r 24	r 2292	r 2591	r 3888
Jul 97p	r 7367	r 27	r 2761	r 2819	r 3072
Aug 97p	r 7277	r 23	r 4416	r 2575	r 2939
Sep 97p	r 8744	r 27	r 6090	r 3992	r 3 014
Oct 97p	r 10077	r 26	r 6978	r 3933	r 2812
Nov 97p	r 9249	r 23	r 5895	r 3164	r 2654
Dec 97p	r 9665	r 26	r 4488	r 2416	2 724
Jan 98 p	9 934	22	5 432	2 170	2 285

(a) Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0).

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6.3

WOOL RECEIVALS AND LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

	RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL BY BROKERS AND DEALERS(a).....		EXPORT OF LIVE SHEEP.....		
	Bales	Tonnes	Quantity '000	Gross Value \$'000	Gross Weight '000t
Financial Years					
1994-95	972 837	172 575	3 871.4	127 974	193.3
1995-96	931 048	165 842	4 690.6	181 069	232.3
1996-97p	909 768	161 708	3 747.5	136 613	188.5
Months					
Nov 96p	84 634	14 957	329.2	11 537	17.2
Dec 96 p	35 865	6 274	274.1	9 365	13.9
Jan 97p	63 003	11 221	354.4	12 425	19.2
Feb 97p	84 524	14 989	368.6	13 077	18.8
Mar 97p	85 467	15 239	387.0	14 226	19.1
Apr 97p	78 123	13 834	70.4	2 693	3.4
May 97p	44 266	7 801	323.5	12 095	16.1
Jun 97p	37 431	6 675	264.6	10 595	12.0
Jul 97p	63 294	11 270	230.8	9 380	11.6
Aug 97p	89 212	15 839	113.2	4 755	6.1
Sep 97p	79735	14211	291.4	10 891	14.3
Oct 97p	129 168	22 898	336.3	13 209	17.7
Nov 97p	r 80635	r 14263	r 241.4	r 9778	r 12.6
Dec 97p	42 501	7 364	r 315.6	r 11493	r 17.0
Jan 98p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	205.8	7 371	9.7

(a) Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers.

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics.

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6.4

ENERGY PRODUCTION

	Coal(a)	Electricity generated	Gas for distribution(b)	Crude oil(c)(d)	Natural gas(d)
	'000 tonnes	million kWh	million MJ	mega-litres	million m ³
Financial Years					
1994-95	5 882	16 756	186 658	12 680	15 714
1995-96	5 897	17 422	181 710	9 676	16 766
1996-97	5 557	16 693	204 256	16 350	16 713
Months					
Oct 96	517	1 412	15 558		
Nov 96	584	1 328	17 457		
Dec 96	446	1 401	17 883	4 475	4 516
Jan 97	448	1 463	17 659		
Feb 97	469	1 362	15 408		
Mar 97	561	1 331	17 201	3 750	4 130
Apr 97	407	1 302	17 147		
May 97	393	1 315	18 506		
Jun 97	470	1 404	17 594	3 938	3 952
Jul 97	413				
Aug 97	482				
Sep 97	522	4 271	56 580	4 589	4 633
Oct 97	484				
Nov 97	580				
Dec 97	464	4155	58 095	4 465	4 676

(a) Source: Department of Minerals and Energy.

(b) Available for issue through mains.

(c) Includes condensate.

(d) Source: Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics.

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6.5

MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

	METALLIC MINERALS.....			NON-METALLIC MINERALS....		
	<i>Base metals(a)</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Diamonds</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total minerals</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years						
1994-95	58.8	379.4	17.9	35.2	5.6	495.5
1995-96	89.0	367.8	6.9	33.8	6.0	519.5
1996-97	88.1	531.7	n.a.	38.6	n.a.	704.7
Quarters						
Sep 96	23.6	120.2	0.8	8.8	1.4	162.8
Dec 96	20.1	147.9	n.a.	11.5	n.a.	187.7
Mar 97	17.4	108.1	1.1	7.5	0.4	144.2
Jun 97	27.0	155.5	1.4	10.8	1.2	210.0
Sep 97	28.1	138.2	0.5	8.3	0.1	182.7
Dec 97	31.4	109.6	0.5	9.5	1.2	162.3

(a) Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (8412.0).

6.6

MINERAL PRODUCTION

	<i>Iron ore</i>	<i>Bauxite</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Ilmenite</i>	<i>Nickel</i>	<i>Diamonds</i>
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 carats
Financial Years						
1994-95	132 743	26 852	187.3	1 631	94	43 590
1995-96	143 489	28 250	206.5	1 871	105	42 566
1996-97	150 711	27 466	226.7	1 910	115	37 120
Quarters						
Dec 96	37 576	6 734	57.2	472	29	9 450
Mar 97	35 864	6 722	56.0	484	28	7 036
Jun 97	38 667	7 144	59.7	490	30	9 399
Sep 97	38 917	7 148	59.0	538	33	10 423
Dec 97	41 052	7 038	63.2	536	33	13 317

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

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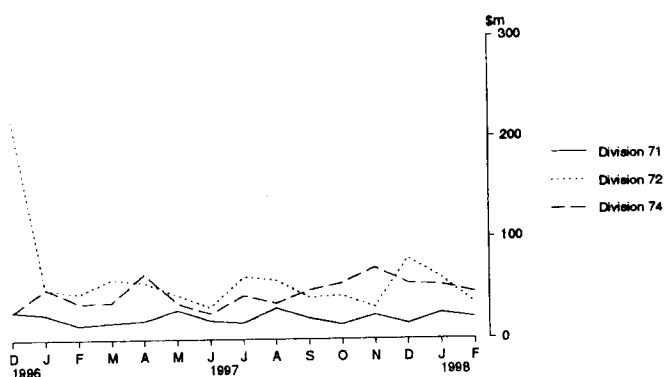
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IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	33	71	72	74	78
	Petroleum, petroleum products, etc	Power generating machinery and equipment	Machinery specialised for particular industries	General Industrial machinery and equipment	Road vehicles
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1994-95	823.8	203.1	436.9	308.0	802.1
1995-96	768.9	356.1	510.3	345.7	794.5
1996-97	1 010.4	309.8	696.9	420.8	811.6
Months					
Dec 96	126.6	28.3	217.8	27.8	66.6
Jan 97	109.8	24.7	49.4	50.4	61.3
Feb 97	118.0	13.9	45.3	35.7	57.4
Mar 97	36.2	16.3	59.5	36.5	63.4
Apr 97	44.4	18.6	55.9	64.9	66.7
May 97	85.2	29.1	43.1	35.1	75.2
Jun 97	70.2	18.5	31.4	25.9	58.3
Jul 97	71.9	15.7	61.0	42.8	87.8
Aug 97	61.1	30.8	58.4	35.4	76.1
Sep 97	90.2	20.6	40.9	48.2	86.2
Oct 97	70.7	14.0	42.4	55.0	100.2
Nov 97	80.9	23.6	31.4	69.7	87.4
Dec 97	94.6	15.0	79.5	54.9	94.1
Jan 98	54.4	25.9	60.1	53.0	87.9
Feb 98	61.8	20.8	35.0	45.7	74.9

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics.

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics.

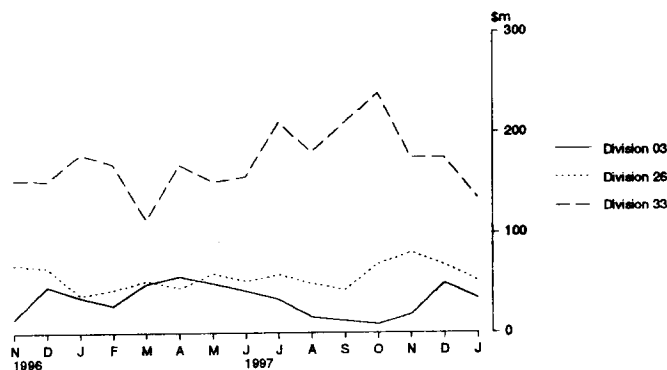
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EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	03	04	26	28	33
	<i>Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc</i>	<i>Cereals and cereal preparations</i>	<i>Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric)</i>	<i>Metalliferous ores and metal scrap</i>	<i>Petroleum, petroleum products etc.</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1994-95	408.6	1 154.3	733.8	3 094.0	1 544.4
1995-96	364.2	1 874.9	692.6	3 221.8	1 586.0
1996-97	371.3	1 667.7	646.1	3 591.4	1 942.5
Months					
Nov 96	14.1	90.5	67.7	273.4	152.9
Dec 96	45.6	177.9	64.2	271.5	151.9
Jan 97	34.8	201.3	37.2	280.4	177.8
Feb 97	27.1	146.7	42.8	275.6	168.1
Mar 97	48.8	207.2	51.9	321.2	113.0
Apr 97	56.0	158.3	44.4	312.8	167.8
May 97	49.0	120.8	58.8	354.4	151.2
Jun 97	41.4	104.6	51.3	337.2	155.9
Jul 97	33.2	94.9	58.0	324.8	209.8
Aug 97	15.3	73.5	48.6	368.1	180.2
Sep 97	12.1	103.9	42.2	352.8	209.7
Oct 97	8.4	139.0	68.4	310.7	238.6
Nov 97	17.8	116.7	80.2	365.7	174.5
Dec 97	49.1	196.4	67.4	397.1	174.6
Jan 98	34.0	211.3	51.6	304.5	135.0

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics.

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics.

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8.1

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS (a)

	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....				PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION.....		
	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks and buses	Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters	Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters
Financial Years							
1994-95	52 094	10 693	2 168	64 955	2 355	52 167	1 655
1995-96	51 319	10 838	2 324	64 481	2 441	51 514	1 648
1996-97 p	56 984	10 828	2 207	70 019	2 692	54 721	1 837
Months							
Nov 96	4 656	819	186	5 661	368	4 455	287
Dec 96	4 861	859	181	5 901	228	4 584	159
Jan 97	4 436	802	129	5 367	196	4 222	136
Feb 97	4 760	989	186	5 935	205	4 587	126
Mar 97	4 167	874	161	5 202	213	3 966	153
Apr 97	4 670	960	221	5 851	188	4 478	115
May 97	5 072	909	183	6 164	234	5 089	162
Jun 97	5 267	1 254	207	6 728	238	5 063	173
Jul 97	5 409	905	173	6 487	185	5 151	114
Aug 97	5 000	756	181	5 937	208	4 792	133
Sep 97	5 339	786	149	6 297	196	4 977	129
Oct 97	6 334	934	220	7 488	436	5 832	352
Nov 97	5 435	923	175	6 533	290	5 066	189
Dec 97	5 844	946	187	6 977	300	5 356	180
Jan 98	4 860	845	158	5 863	232	4 437	168

(a) Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Excludes motor cycles.

Reference: Unpublished statistics.

8.2

VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS (a)

	PASSENGER VEHICLES.....		OTHER VEHICLES.....		TOTAL.....	
	Original	Trend	Original	Trend	Original	Trend
Months						
Nov 96	4 656	4 694	1 005	986	5 661	5 741
Dec 96	4 861	4 710	1 040	1 038	5 901	5 766
Jan 97	4 436	4 726	931	1 083	5 367	5 802
Feb 97	4 760	4 761	1 175	1 194	5 935	5 959
Mar 97	4 167	4 813	1 035	1 056	5 202	5 925
Apr 97	4 670	4 874	1 181	1 177	5 851	5 987
May 97	5 072	4 953	1 092	1 004	6 164	6 058
Jun 97	5 267	5 052	1 254	1 152	6 521	6 149
Jul 97	5 409	5 179	1 078	1 101	6 487	6 271
Aug 97	5 000	5 308	937	1 064	5 937	6 399
Sep 97	5 339	5 411	958	1 095	6 297	6 509
Oct 97	6 334	5 488	1 154	1 149	7 488	6 596
Nov 97	5 435	5 537	1 098	1 065	6 533	6 659
Dec 97	5 844	5 556	1 133	1 117	6 977	6 694
Jan 98	4 860	5 550	1 003	1 230	5 863	6 710

(a) Excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Reference: Unpublished statistics.

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9.1

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS: Original

	SELECTED INDUSTRY.....			TOTAL.....	
	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>Other selected industries</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
.....					
Financial Years					
1995-96	4 285	1 046	2 575	7 907	7 899
1996-97	4 158	625	1 834	6 617	6 635
Quarters					
Sep 96	865	162	505	1 532	1 716
Dec 96	1 063	166	581	1 810	1 600
Mar 97	1 063	145	323	1 531	1 661
Jun 97	1 168	153	424	1 745	1 657
Sep 97	1 190	194	426	1 810	2 017
Dec 97	1 487	334	587	2 408	2 133

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....

Indicator	Period	Unit	Current Australian figure	Current figure	Change from last period (%)	Figure one year ago	Change from one year ago(%)
Population							
Estimated resident population	Jun qtr 97 p	'000	18 532.2	1 798.1	0.4	1 765.3	1.9
Natural increase	Jun qtr 97 p	No.	32 968	3 850	-2.6	3 575	7.7
Tourism							
<i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i>							
Guest arrivals	Sep qtr 97	'000	8 166.5	615.2	14.8	635.8	-3.2
Guest rooms available	Sep qtr 97	No.	179 033	16 275	1.5	15 396	5.7
Room occupancy rates	Sep qtr 97	%	58.0	57.9	7.6	62.0	-6.6
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Short-term arrivals	Dec 97	No.	448 280	49 380	30.5	49 430	-0.1
Long-term arrivals	Dec 97	No.	4 580	590	-4.8	490	20.4
<i>Resident Departures</i>							
Short-term departures	Dec 97	No.	300 720	33 360	18.0	35 260	-5.4
Long-term departures	Dec 97	No.	6 180	710	22.4	730	-2.7
Employment							
<i>Employed persons</i>							
Trend	Feb 98	'000	8 534.6	870.9	0.1	851.5	2.3
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Trend	Feb 98	'000	752.1	65.9	0.5	69.0	-4.5
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Trend	Feb 98	%	63.2	65.9	0.0	66.2	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Trend	Feb 98	%	8.1	7.0	-0.1	7.5	-0.5
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i>							
Trend							
Males	Nov 97	\$	815.10	839.80	1.1	804.60	4.4
Females	Nov 97	\$	649.70	616.60	0.9	598.50	3.0
Persons	Nov 97	\$	753.20	755.10	0.9	731.30	3.3
Retail							
<i>Monthly retail turnover</i>							
Original	Jan 98	\$m	11 262.7	1 145.7	-21.8	1 113.8	2.9
Trend	Jan 98	\$m	11 265.3	1 135.3	0.2	1 103.2	2.9
Construction							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	Jan 98	No	11 141	1 155	-18.2	1 182	-2.3
Value of all building	Jan 98	\$m	2 455.5	193.7	-12.6	200.6	-3.4
<i>Housing Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Dec qtr 97	Index No.	117.9	115.8	-0.2	115.0	0.7
Established houses	Dec qtr 97	Index No.	121.2	112.8	0.5	107.5	4.9
Project homes	Dec qtr 97	Index No.	110.0	101.4	0.1	101.4	0.0
Mineral Exploration							
Gold	Dec qtr 97	\$m	163.9	109.6	-20.7	147.9	-25.9
Other minerals	Dec qtr 97	\$m	118.1	52.7	18.4	39.8	32.4
Overseas Trade							
Imports	Feb 98	\$m	6 952.5	697.8	7.8	513.3	35.9
Exports	Jan 98	\$m	6 317.2	1 806.1	-12.8	1 746.8	3.4
Transport							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	Jan 98	No.	44 164	4 860	-16.8	4 436	9.6
Trend	Jan 98	No.	55 471	5 550	-0.1	4 726	17.6
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	Jan 98	No.	51 328	5 863	-16.0	5 367	9.2
Trend	Jan 98	No.	64 935	6 570	-2.3	5 802	15.9
Finance							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Dec qtr 97	\$m	12 791	2 408	33.0	1 810	33.0
Seasonally adjusted	Dec qtr 97	\$m	11 813	2 133	5.8	1 600	33.3



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